

## **Claims**

### **What is claimed is:**

1. A communication terminal comprising:  
a network control unit for closing and releasing the circuit;  
an operating key for making the network control unit release the circuit;  
a recording unit for recording the image data in the recording medium; and  
a control unit which refuses an incoming call by maintaining the state of closing the circuit with the network control unit and invalidates the operation and input of the said operating key in the case the recording unit fails to operate.
  
2. A communication terminal according to claim 1 comprising:  
an informing means for informing the fact that the operation of the said operating key is invalid.
  
3. A communication terminal according to claim 2 characterized in that the fact that the operation is invalid is informed when the operating key is operate.
  
4. A communication terminal according to claim 1 characterized in that the control unit makes the network control unit close the circuit according to the setting of the setting means in the case the recording unit fails to operate, comprising:  
a setting means for setting whether or not the circuit is to be closed when the recording unit fails to operate.
  
5. A communication terminal according to claim 3 characterized in that the informing means is a buzzer.

6. A communication terminal according to claim 3 characterized in that the informing means is the display.

7. A communication terminal comprising:  
a network control unit for closing and releasing the circuit;  
an informing unit;  
a recording unit for recording the image data in the recording medium; and  
a control unit which refuses an incoming call by maintaining the state of closing the circuit with the network control unit and informs the functions capable of being used from the informing unit, in the case the recording unit fails to operate.

8. A communication terminal comprising:  
a network control unit for closing and releasing the circuit;  
a display;  
a recording unit for recording the image data in the recording medium; and  
a control unit which refuses an incoming call by maintaining the state of closing the circuit with the network control unit and displays the functions capable of being used on the display, in the case the recording unit fails to operate.

9. A communication terminal according to claim 8 characterized in that the message which indicates that the facsimile transmission or the telephone is capable of being carried out, is displayed.

10. A communication terminal comprising:  
a network control unit for closing and releasing the circuit;  
a speaker;

a recording unit for recording the image data in the recording medium; and  
a control unit which refuses an incoming call by maintaining the state of closing the circuit with the network control unit and outputs the melody which indicates the closing of the circuit, from the speaker, in the case the recording unit fails to operate.

11. A communication terminal according to claim 10 characterized in that the control unit outputs from the speaker the said melody based on the setting of the setting means, further comprising:

a setting means for setting whether or not the melody which indicates the closing of the circuit, to be output.

12. A communication terminal according to claim 7 characterized in that the functions capable of being used is informed in a voice message.

13. A communication terminal according to claim 11 characterized in that the circuit closing melody of which is different from the melody of the holding melody output when holding a telephone conversation, is output from the speaker.

14. A communication terminal according to claim 1 characterized in that the control unit maintains the state of closing the circuit with the network control unit when the recording unit fails to operate and a image memory is overflowed, comprising:

said image memory.

15. A communication terminal according to claim 7 characterized in that the control unit maintains the state of closing the circuit with the network control unit

when the recording unit fails to operate and a image memory is overflowed, comprising:  
said image memory.

16. A communication terminal according to claim 8 characterized in that the control unit maintains the state of closing the circuit with the network control unit when the recording unit fails to operate and a image memory is overflowed, comprising:  
said image memory.

17. A communication terminal according to claim 10 characterized in that the control unit maintains the state of closing the circuit with the network control unit when the recording unit fails to operate and a image memory is overflowed, comprising:  
said image memory.

18. A communication terminal according to claim 1 characterized in that the operating key for releasing the circuit is a hook key.